



University of New Hampshire

Fall 2017 Environmental Sciences Seminar Series

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2:30–3:30pm **McConnell Hall Room 220**

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Reality and Perceptions of Climate Change

As the evidence-based scientific consensus on the reality and seriousness of anthropogenic climate change strengthened to near-unanimity over the past decades, US political leaders and public opinion remain widely divided, primarily along partisan lines. General-public surveys show a gradual (not event-driven) rise in public acceptance, without narrowing the partisan gap. Political divisions on climate change spill over to views on other science topics, or scientists in general. They even affect recollections of local weather. Divisions are widest among the most educated partisans, who are more aware of leadership positions, and more selective in acquiring information that supports existing views. Broad efforts at science communication, through diverse voices and media, are incrementally shifting public perceptions. Extreme events such as recent wildfire and hurricane seasons may have cumulative effects as well.



Host: [Dr. Wil Wollheim](#), NREN, NRESS Faculty member

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